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NOTE FOR MR. E. H. KNOCHE

Hank,

Regarding your note of 6 November looking ahead to the transition, the IC Staff will be happy to take on the task of putting together some collective views on the strengths and weaknesses of the Executive Order. I believe a lot of homework has already been accomplished on this point and I know Seymour Bolten will be a useful resource to tap.

We will look into the from our end of it and see if it is an appropriate item for NFIB consideration.

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Dan:

I hate to get so formal and do this sort of thing in writing. Both of these topics are ones we can discuss, but I wanted to get them down while still fresh in my mind.

- 1. Looking ahead to the transition, it is perfectly clear that we ought to have some collective view put together on how to improve and refine the Executive Order, how to discuss its strengths and weaknesses, etc. I'll be glad to offer up some Agency talent, but I wonder if this isn't something that shouldn't be taken on by the IC Staff. In the meantime, I have suggested that Dick Lehman begin filling out a few talking points for the DCI's use with the President-elect on the two primary themes we know so well -- the CFI and the added DCI authority; and the overly stringent nature of counterintelligence restrictions.
- 2. Bobby Inman and Bob Ellsworth apparently expressed some dissatisfaction to the DCI about the current state of affairs concerning Laserfax. They pointed out that Colby originally committed to Agency funding of some 12 terminals and we are now down to just one and this one to be at CIA Headquarters. I have asked my guys to look into this and

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let me know what the state of affairs is. You may want to do the same. The subject looks fit to me for a NFIB discussion. At this stage, I don't know whether it is a technical or a money problem.

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